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Dear Ms. Hua,

Comments on NOP and Initial Study for Draft 2045 Climate Action Plan

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County supports updating the 2020 Climate Action Plan (CAP).

The proposed 2045 CAP uses new Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions inventory data, new emissions forecasts and revises measures to reduce GHG emissions. All of these elements are important and needed. In general, LWV US and California support conservation of energy, water and biodiversity; GHG and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction; climate change adaptation; and meeting the basic needs of all people, particularly the vulnerable.

In addition to the areas specified for focus in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), we are requesting that the PEIR evaluate the impact of the 2045 emission reduction strategies on the following areas, with continued attention to environmental justice and equity:

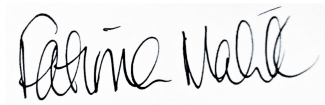
- Housing
  - Support policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.
  - Support equal opportunity in housing.
- Utilities
  - Ensure the reliability of energy resources and protections of the environment and public health and safety.
- Climate Change
  - Promote a clean, low-carbon energy economy that is sustainable, including all forms of renewable energy and transportation infrastructure.
  - Promote energy conservation and efficiency in transportation, buildings, and infrastructure, including energy efficiency standards and land use policies that reduce vehicle miles traveled.

We read the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study and do not see the detail needed for the evaluation and elimination of EIR study areas. We request that the EIR fully describe the proposed greenhouse gas reduction measures including specific actions, performance standards and timelines.

In particular, we request that the EIR evaluate the effect of electrification of energy used in buildings and vehicles upon utility infrastructure in the unincorporated areas and cumulatively throughout Los Angeles County. The EIR should identify the effect of local solar energy generation and microgrids and energy efficiency measures to offset increases in electrical energy demands and effects on regional electrical energy transmission infrastructure. The EIR should also evaluate the effect of reduced demand for natural gas and gasoline stations and increased demand for electric vehicle charging and their effects on land use, transportation patterns and air quality. The EIR should also have a plan to seal oil and gas wells, and to decommission refineries and gas pipelines.

We understand that the Department of Regional Planning is currently revising the Draft 2045 CAP and including more detailed descriptions of mitigation projects. However, those detailed projects should be fully reviewed for possible impacts and be subject to public comment within the EIR process.

Sincerely,

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Fatima Malik  
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